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Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the final Office Action mailed on February 26, 2007, wherein the Examiner:

1. Entered the amendments filed December 27, 2006.

2. Rejected Claims 1 and 3-4 under Section 103(a) as being obvious over Ohmae, U.S. Patent No. 5,941,440, in view of Rinehardt, U.S. Pat. No. 2,923,938.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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